



Welcome to Newton County Highlights 2005 Edition

This publication is provided annually for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each publication includes a variety of demographic information: population, labor force estimates, industry employment, industry annual average wages, and firms and employment by size.

If you need further information about your area, you may call the regional analyst listed below. If you need labor market information for other areas, you will find a map of the regional analysts at the back of this publication and posted on our Internet website under Resources.

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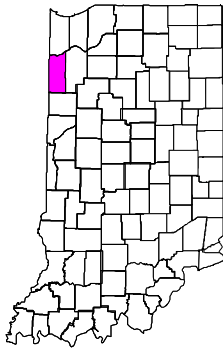
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Region 1: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, and Pulaski counties.

Region 2: St. Joseph, Elkhart, Marshall, Fulton, and Kosciusko counties.

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SUMMARY OF NEWTON COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

Newton County's population estimate for 2004 was 14,421 down 1.0 percent from the 2000 Census total of 14,566. The estimated population made up 0.2 percent of Indiana's total 2004 estimated population of 6,237,569.

As of the 2000 Census 7,536 people twenty-five years of age or over were high school graduates and/or had post-high school education. That represented 78.7 percent of the twenty-five and up county population. Of that population 920 or 9.6 percent were four year college graduates or greater. In 2004, of the 183 persons graduating high school that year 140 or 76.5 percent intended to go on to higher education.

The county "labor force" represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. In 2003 persons living in but commuting to work out of the county was 3,678 or 39.5 percent of the labor force. The outside area where the largest number of Newton County residents went to work was Lake County. The county "work force" represents all workers employed in the county no matter where they reside. In 2003 persons commuting to work into the county from outside areas was 1,368 or 19.6 percent of the work force. The area sending the most number of persons into the county to work was State of Illinois.

The estimated average unemployment rate for 2004 was 5.0 percent, below Indiana's average 5.2 percent. The county's unemployment rate was based on an estimated average residential labor force of 7,025. Of that labor force 6,675 were employed and 350 were unemployed.

For year 2004 there were 4,217 at industries within the county. The largest employing industry in the county was Manufacturing having 30.5 percent of the total industry employment with Government second at 19.8 percent. The industry showing the most growth in workers over a three year period (since 2001) was Health Care & Social Assistance increasing by 129 workers or 113.2 percent above the 114 of 2001. Of employers in the county 11.3 percent employed 20 or more workers and they represented 67.2 percent of all in-county employment.

The all industry average 2004 earnings for the county was \$27,286 per year versus Indiana's \$34,692. The county average wage was an increase of 10.8 percent over 2001's county industry average wage. Three of Newton County's 20 industry sectors (including government) had annual average earnings greater than the Indiana average for those industries. The county's Wholesale Trade industry had the highest average earnings at \$60,231 per year with Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate second at \$34,853, while the industry with the lowest annual earnings number was Accomodation & Food Services at \$7,424. The same industries statewide paid an average \$46,190, \$48,406, and \$11,572 per year, respectively.

POPULATION

NEWTON COUNTY POPULATION

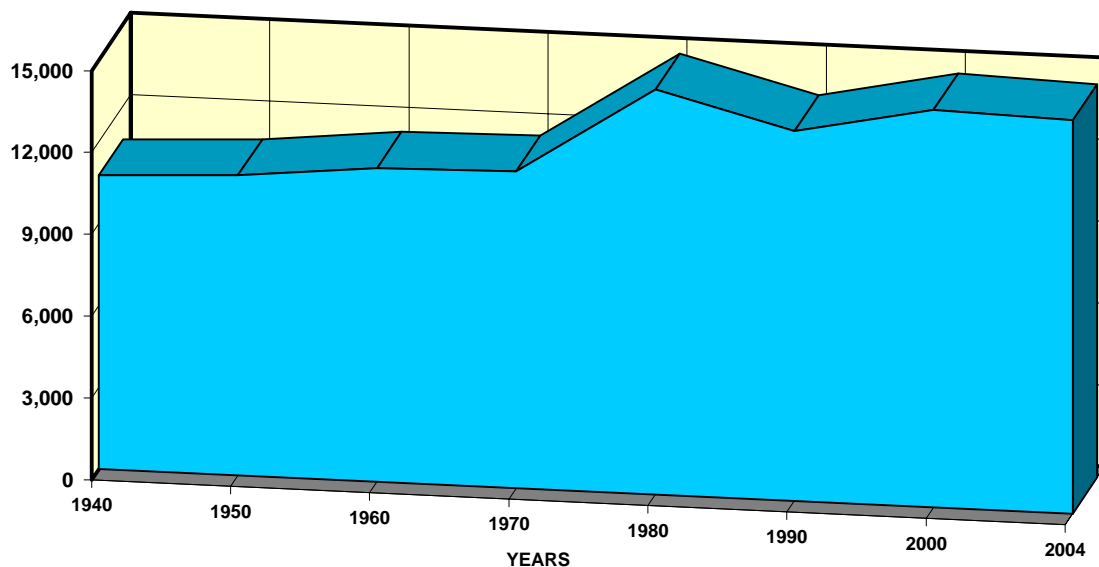
COUNTY AND CITY POPULATION

COUNTY AND CITIES / TOWNS	1990	2000	2004	CHANGE 1990 TO 2000		CHANGE 2000 TO 2004	
				#	%	#	%
NEWTON CO	13,551	14,566	14,421	1,015	7.5%	(145)	-1.0%
Kentland	1,798	1,822	1,737	24	1.3%	-85	-4.7%
Morocco	1,044	1,127	1,153	83	8.0%	26	2.3%
Goodland	1,033	1,096	1,052	63	6.1%	(44)	-4.0%
Brook	899	1,062	1,008	163	18.1%	(54)	-5.1%
Mount Ayr	151	147	137	-4	-2.6%	(10)	-6.8%

NEWTON COUNTY POPULATION 1940 TO 2004

YEAR	POPULATION	CHG FROM PRIOR YR	% CHANGE
1940	10,775	NA	NA
1950	11,006	231	2.1%
1960	11,502	496	4.5%
1970	11,606	104	0.9%
1980	14,844	3,238	27.9%
1990	13,551	-1,293	-8.7%
2000	14,566	1,015	7.5%
2004	14,421	-145	-1.0%

POPULATION OF NEWTON COUNTY TO 2004



EDUCATION

NEWTON COUNTY EDUCATION DATA

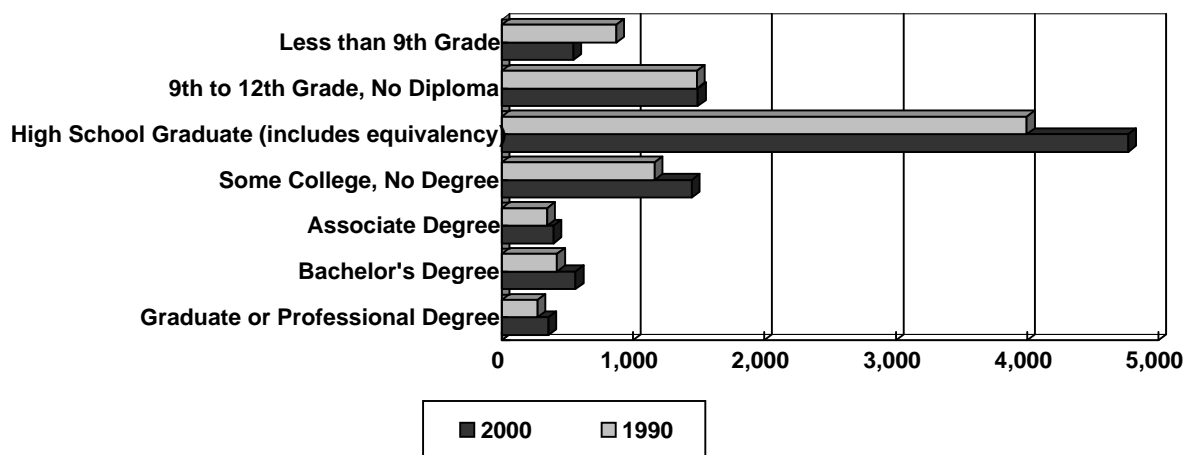
2004 H.S. GRADUATE HIGHER EDUCATION INTENT

EDUCATIONAL INTENT	NUMBER	%
Graduated High School in 2004	183	100%
Total to Higher Education	140	76.5%
Four-Year Institution	95	51.9%
Two-Year Institution	36	19.7%
Vocational/Technical Institution	9	4.9%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER

EDUCATION	1990		2000	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
Less than 9th Grade	874	10.2%	546	5.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,487	17.4%	1,494	15.6%
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	3,997	46.7%	4,771	49.8%
Some College, No Degree	1,166	13.6%	1,448	15.1%
Associate Degree	347	4.1%	397	4.1%
Bachelor's Degree	423	4.9%	564	5.9%
Graduate or Professional Degree	273	3.2%	356	3.7%
TOTAL - POPULATION 25 YEARS & OVER	8,567	100%	9,576	100%

NEWTON COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2000 Versus 1990



LABOR FORCE

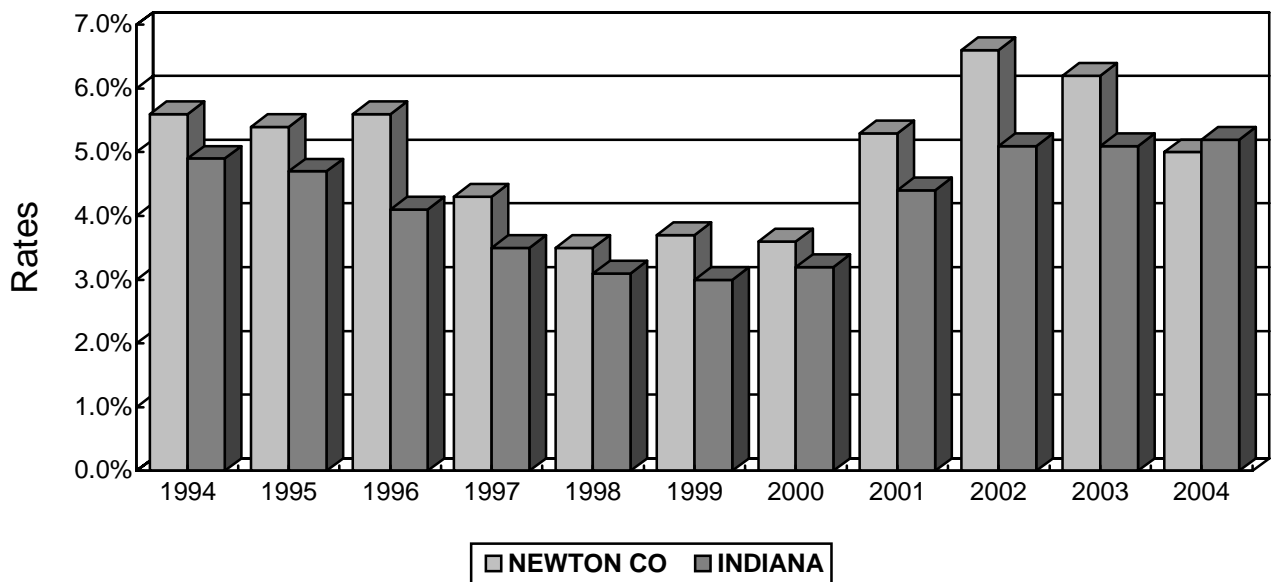
NEWTON COUNTY LABOR FORCE

(1994-2004)

YEAR	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	NEWTON CO RATE	INDIANA RATE
1994	6,800	6,420	380	5.6%	4.9%
1995	6,980	6,600	380	5.4%	4.7%
1996	6,535	6,170	365	5.6%	4.1%
1997	6,630	6,345	285	4.3%	3.5%
1998	6,780	6,545	235	3.5%	3.1%
1999	6,510	6,270	240	3.7%	3.0%
2000	6,365	6,135	230	3.6%	3.2%
2001	6,230	5,900	330	5.3%	4.4%
2002	6,295	5,875	420	6.6%	5.1%
2003	6,255	5,865	390	6.2%	5.1%
2004	7,025	6,675	350	5.0%	5.2%

Data for some years have been revised from earlier published numbers for those years.

NEWTON COUNTY & STATE OF INDIANA Average Unemployment Rates 1994-2004



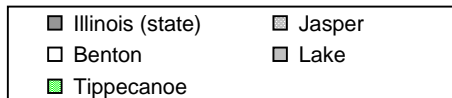
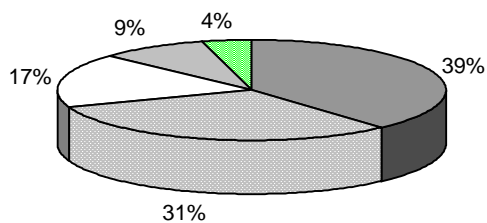
Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

COMMUTING PATTERNS

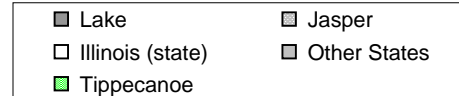
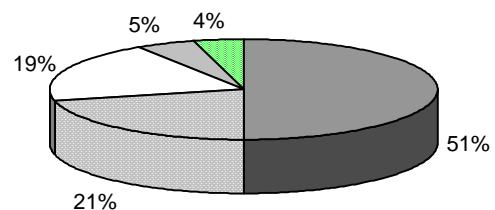
NEWTON COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERNS: YEAR 2003

Number of persons who live in the county and work (labor force)	9,304
Number of persons who live and work in the county	5,626
Number of persons who live out of and work in the county	1,368
Total number of persons who work in the county (work force)	6,994
Top five counties sending workers INTO Newton County:	
Illinois (state)	466
Jasper County	375
Benton County	212
Lake County	108
Tippecanoe County	51
Total of above	1,212 equals 17.3% of work force
Top five counties receiving workers FROM Newton County:	
Lake County	1,664
Jasper County	715
Illinois (state)	643
Other states	168
Tippecanoe County	138
Total of above	3,328 equals 35.8% of labor force

WORKERS INTO NEWTON COUNTY
From Top 5 Counties / States

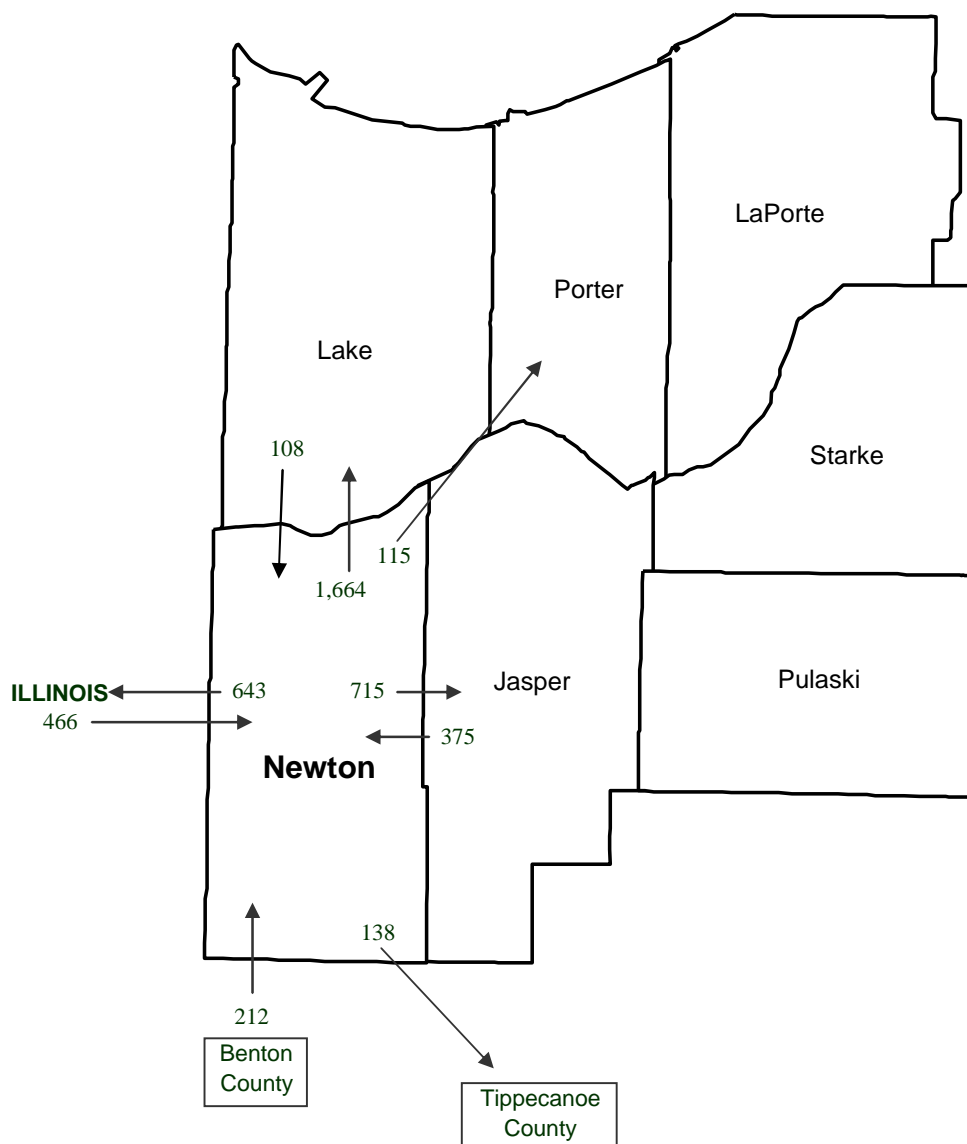


WORKERS OUT OF NEWTON COUNTY
To Top 5 Counties / States



COMMUTING MAP

Newton County 2003



Data source: Indiana Dept. of Revenue
Based on income tax returns for Tax Year 2003

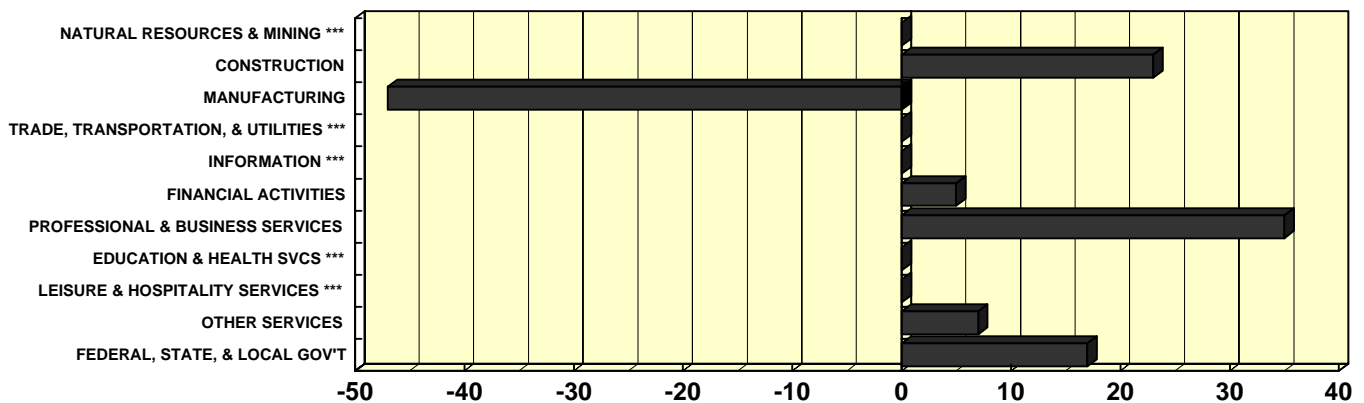
Counts of under 100 are not included.
Noncontiguous state counts not included.

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

NEWTON COUNTY AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	2004 NO. OF FIRMS	AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT				NUMERICAL CHANGE 2001-2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2001-2004
		2001	2002	2003	2004		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT **	298	4,087	4,062	4,046	4,217	130	3.2%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	16	405	409	396	345	-60	-14.8%
Mining	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	42	192	202	206	215	23	12.0%
MANUFACTURING	26	1,332	1,238	1,247	1,285	-47	-3.5%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Wholesale Trade	27	193	222	223	232	39	20.2%
Retail Trade	41	335	325	320	348	13	3.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	23	147	169	131	153	6	4.1%
Utilities	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
INFORMATION	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	14	109	114	116	114	5	4.6%
Finance & Insurance	10	99	102	105	102	3	3.0%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	4	10	12	11	12	2	20.0%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	20	84	79	98	119	35	41.7%
Professional & Technical Services	14	37	41	42	46	9	24.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0	9	0	0	0	-9	-100.0%
Administrative & Waste Services	6	38	38	56	73	35	92.1%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Educational Services **	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance **	13	114	123	164	243	129	113.2%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	***	***	***	***	***	N/A	N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	29	231	220	224	232	1	0.4%
OTHER SERVICES	18	37	38	37	44	7	18.9%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	27	816	839	839	833	17	2.1%

Change in Newton County Industry Employment 2001 To 2004



* NAICS - North American Industry Classification System. ** Includes private and government employment in this industry.

*** Data suppressed due to confidentiality restrictions.

Notes: 1. Data may not add to total due to rounding, suppression of confidential numbers, inclusion of unclassified data, and duplication of government employment numbers. 2. Industries listed are "private industry" unless otherwise noted.

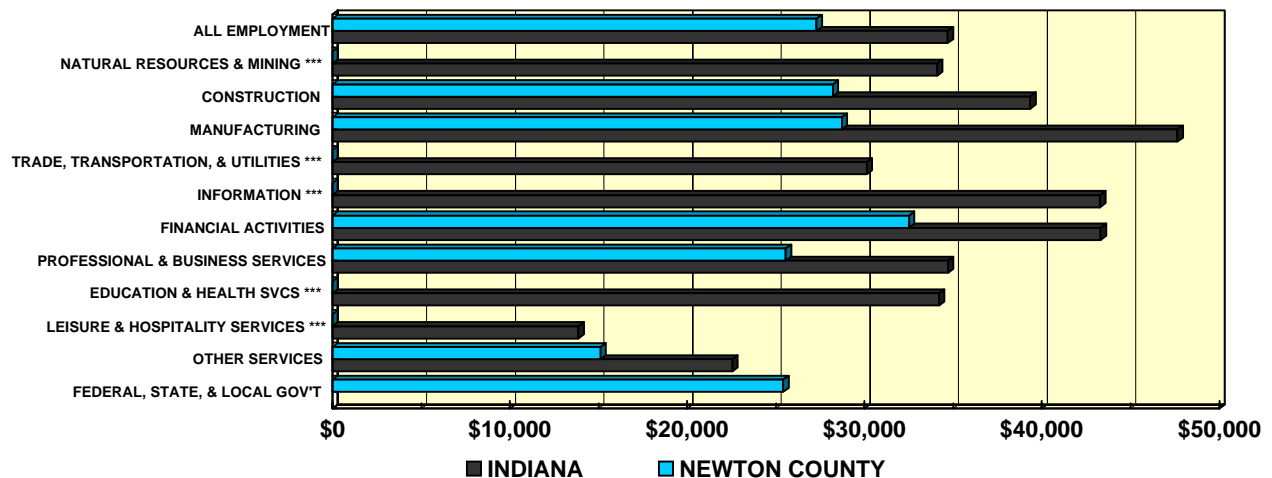
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Labor Market Information Unit

INDUSTRY EARNINGS

NEWTON COUNTY AVERAGE EARNINGS BY INDUSTRY 2001 to 2004

INDUSTRY SECTORS (NAICS)*	NEWTON COUNTY				INDIANA	2004
	2001 WAGES	2004 WAGES	CHANGE 2001 to 2004		2004 WAGES	NEWTON % DIFFERENCE FROM INDIANA
			DOLLARS	PERCENT		
ALL INDUSTRIES **	\$24,618	\$27,286	\$2,668	10.8%	\$34,692	-27.1%
NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$34,100	N/A
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, & Hunting	\$29,378	\$33,269	\$3,891	13.2%	\$25,459	23.5%
Mining	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$49,836	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	\$30,063	\$28,210	-\$1,853	-6.2%	\$39,344	-39.5%
MANUFACTURING	\$27,080	\$28,713	\$1,633	6.0%	\$47,638	-65.9%
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, & UTILITIES	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$30,129	N/A
Wholesale Trade	\$36,310	\$60,231	\$23,921	65.9%	\$46,109	23.4%
Retail Trade	\$13,014	\$15,346	\$2,332	17.9%	\$21,447	-39.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	\$24,032	\$26,992	\$2,960	12.3%	\$35,142	-30.2%
Utilities	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$62,844	N/A
INFORMATION	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$43,280	N/A
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	\$30,224	\$32,510	\$2,286	7.6%	\$43,310	-33.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$31,088	\$34,853	\$3,765	12.1%	\$48,406	-38.9%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	\$20,552	\$13,951	-\$6,601	-32.1%	\$28,857	-106.8%
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	\$25,509	\$25,557	\$48	0.2%	\$34,704	-35.8%
Professional & Technical Services	\$15,531	\$15,125	-\$406	-2.6%	\$45,323	-199.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	\$14,843	\$0	-\$14,843	-100.0%	\$66,805	N/A
Administrative & Waste Services	\$38,149	\$32,096	-\$6,053	-15.9%	\$22,731	29.2%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES **	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$34,204	N/A
Educational Services **	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$33,107	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance **	\$18,956	\$22,545	\$3,589	18.9%	\$34,962	-55.1%
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY SERVICES	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$13,873	N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	***	***	N/A	N/A	\$25,803	N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	\$7,326	\$7,424	\$98	1.3%	\$11,572	-55.9%
OTHER SERVICES	\$12,327	\$15,104	\$2,777	22.5%	\$22,548	-49.3%
FEDERAL, STATE, & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	\$24,763	\$25,416	\$653	2.6%	\$34,478	-35.7%

Newton County and State of Indiana 2004 Earnings comparison



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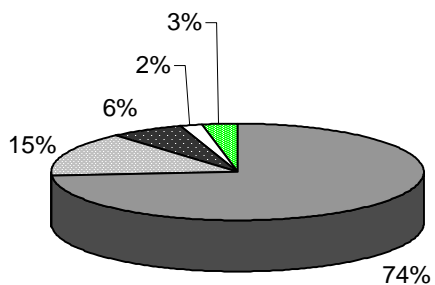
FIRMS & EMPLOYMENT BY SIZE

NEWTON COUNTY FIRMS and EMPLOYMENT by SIZE

EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS	NUMBER of BUSINESS UNITS 1ST QUARTER 2004	EMPLOYMENT by SIZE OF BUSINESS UNIT MARCH 2004
0 - 9	222	779
10 - 19	44	589
20 - 49	19	573
50 - 99	6	447
100 - 249	9	1,789
TOTAL	300	4,177

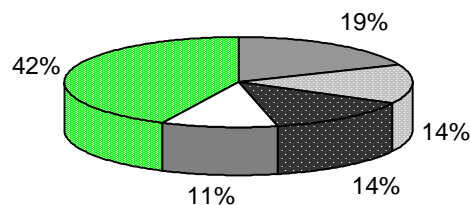
Includes Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees.

**BUSINESS UNITS
by SIZE
1st Quarter 2004**



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**EMPLOYMENT by BUSINESS
UNIT SIZE
March 2004**



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Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Unemployment Insurance Division



DESCRIPTION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

For over sixty years, industry information has been compiled using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system. Since 1993, the industry data tables in this publication were classified by SIC.

Beginning with the 2002 issue of the Highlights report, new industry data tables are based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS).

Developed jointly by the United States, Canada and Mexico to produce comparable data, NAICS was introduced in 1997 to replace the SIC system. Because of its' scope and complexity, the transition to NAICS has taken three years to complete and is now effective beginning with 2001.

NAICS provides a more specific classification system reflecting the economy's changing industrial composition. NAICS focuses on *how* products and services are created, as opposed to the SIC focus on *what* is produced.

This reorganization has created breaks in the industrial classification time series. Even though, for example, the **Manufacturing** industry group is still listed, the current statistical data for **Manufacturing** may not be comparable to what was previously shown.

Example: *An industrial machine company has its employment offices in a separate building. Those workers may now be listed in the **Professional and Business Services** industry under NAICS, rather than in **Manufacturing**.* The same is possible for other industries.

NAICS uses a six digit hierarchical coding system to classify all economic activity. NAICS-United States allows for the identification of 1,170 industries compared to the 1,004 found in the SIC system. NAICS classifications are reviewed every three years. For purposes of this publication we will be classifying economic activities into 11 NAICS 'super sectors' and 15 NAICS sectors.

The following is a listing of the NAICS 'super sectors' we will be using:

Natural Resources & Mining includes agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining.

Construction

Manufacturing

Trade, Transportation & Utilities includes wholesale and retail trade, utilities, transportation, and warehousing.

Information includes publishing, motion pictures, sound recording, broadcasting, Internet publishing, telecommunications, ISPs, search portals, data processing, news syndicates, libraries, and archives.

Financial Activities includes finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing.

Professional & Business Services includes professional, scientific, and technical services, management of companies and enterprises, administrative/support, and waste management and remediation services.

Education & Health Services includes educational and health services, health care, and social assistance.

Leisure & Hospitality includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services.

Other Services includes repair, maintenance, personal, laundry services and religious, grant making, civic, social, and professional organizations and private households.

Federal, State & Local Government includes total government employment.

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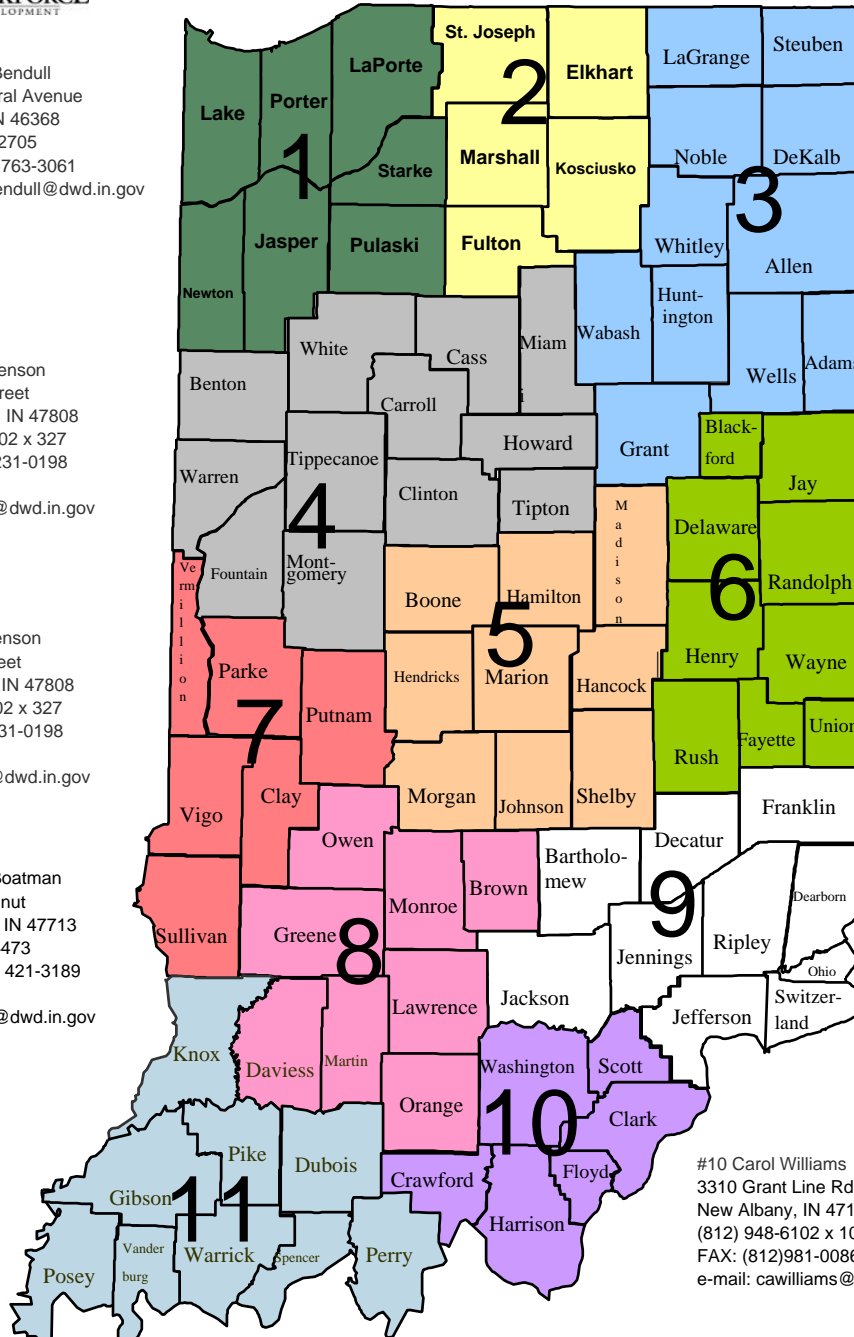
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